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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJ: TOUR BY VENTURE IN VICTORY SPORTS AMBASSADORS

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

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1. HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL CAIRO OF /AMBASSADORS" BASKETBALL TEAM FROM KHARTOUM ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF SCHEDULE DUE CANCELLATION ALL GAMES KHARTOUM. TEAM COACH NORMAN COOK HAS REQUESTED GAMES IN EGYPT BEGIN IMMEDIATELY SO THAT TEAM CAN IN EFFECT CUT SCHEDULE BY SEVEN DAYS. GOE OFFICIALS SPONSORING GAMES ADVISES SUCH SCHEDULING IMPOSSIBLE FOR VARIETY OF SECURITY AND PROTOCOL REASONS. EMBASSY SEES NO POSSIBILITY USEFULLY EMPLOYING TEAM PRIOR TO ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DATE OF JULY 29. COOK SAYS LIMITED TEAMS RESOURCES WILL NOT ALLOW WEEK FREE OF ACTIVITY.

2. CAN COPENHAGEN ADJUST SCHEDULE SO THAT TEAM CAN COME DIRECTLY? WHAT IS EARLIEST DATE GAME COULD BE SCHEDULED?

3. DUE TO TENSION IN AREA RESULTING FROM CYPRUS PROBLEM, MAY BE GREAT DEAL OF DIFFICULTY IN GETTING FLIGHT FOR TEAM. EMBASSY NOW INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITIES THAT REGARD,BUT WILL HOLD ACTION PENDING COPENHAGEN REPLY. EILTS

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